by a group South Kashmir Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon. The names of the journalists have been given below :

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1. Meraj-ud-Din
2. Arshad
3. AS Cherao
4. Tawseef Mustaffa
5. Afzal Shah
6. Shujat Bukhari
7. Sheikh Mushtaq
8. Fayas Kabli
9. Amin War
10. Gulzar
11. Farooq Javed
12. Qayoom
13. Bilal Bhat
14. Masood and four others.

(c) After detaining the above journalists the group demanded that the editors of the local newspapers should reach Anantnag, reportedly because it felt aggrieved on account of a perception that the media was projecting their statements in a distorted manner.

(d) As a result of the efforts made by the Government authorities the media persons were allowed to go unharmed, the same day. The Police has registered a case in respect of the incident.

Software Technology Parks

2258. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Software Technology Parks (STP) set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) the objectives of setting up such STPs and whether such STPs have achieved these objectives;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to set up additional STPs in current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). There are 14 Software Technology Parks (STPs) functioning in the country at present. Two STPs are located at Pune and one each at Bhubaneshwar, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Noida, Gandhinagar, Jaipur, Thiruvanthapuram, Calcutta, Delhi, Gurgaon, Kanpur and Madras.

The Software Technology Parks Scheme is 100% Export Oriented Scheme for encouraging Software Development for export. They provide infrastructure facilities for software export. These STPs are providing services to about 300 companies accounting for software export of approximately Rs. 730 crores for the year 1995-96.

(c) The Government of India, Department of Electronics does not have any proposal to set up new STP. However, the Department of Electronics continues to provide necessary guidance and assitance to the State Governments willing to establish the STPs.

(D) Does not arise.

Water Supply Projects in Assam

2259. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of water supply projects of Assam cleared during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the details of other proposals pending with the Union Government at present; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No urban water supply project under the State Plan from Assam State has been received during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96. However, the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board (AUWSP and SB) has forwarded water supply scheme for Namroop town under AUWSP for towns having population less than 20,000 during 1994-95 and the same was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 135.31 lacs and an amount of Rs. 26.06 lacs was released for this scheme.

(d) During 1995-96, out of 11 towns recommended by the State Level Selection Committee (SLSC), the AUWSP and SB submitted detailed project reports (DPRS) for only 7 towns. These DPRS were examined and technical comments have been sent to the AUWSP and SB in November, 95. However, the Board is yet to furnish clarifications on these 7 schemes.

(c) As soon as the clarifications are received from AUWSP and SB, these scheme would be considered for sanction depending upon the budget outlay and the State share in that.

[Translation]

Per Capita Income in Bihar

2260. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government keep district-wise details of per capita income; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof for Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Fake Currency in Jammu and Kashmir

2261. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'ISI Pumping Fake Currency into Jammu and Kashmir" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 15th July, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Government are aware of the report mentioned in the Question. From time to time there have been reports about Pakistan trying to smuggle countrerfeit currency notes into Jammu and Kashmir and seizures of fake currency have also been made. Recently on 26 June, 1996, 29 Indian Currency notes of Rs. 100 denomination were seized at Mendhar in Poonch district from one Noor Mohammed Khan. These have been sent to the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, New Delhi, and their report is awaited.

Continuous vigil is being maintained by all the concerned agencies to check the incidence of infiltration/ smuggling, including fake currency, from across the border. The efforts in this regard include augmentation of the security force deployment in the vulnerable areas, intensified patrolling, including mobile patrolling provision of surveillance devices including telescopes and night vision devices, continuous streamlining of the intelligence machinery and greater coordination between all the concerned security agencies. All these efforts are being reviewed periodically with a view to check and contain the possibilities of infiltration/ smuggling.

Urban Development Projects

2262. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the urban development projects of Andhra Pradesh pending before the Union Government; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), powers for sanctioning Urban Development projects are delegated to State level Sanctioning Committees. The Sanctioning Committee for IDSMT Scheme in Andhra Pradesh had recommended the release of Central Assistance for 9 towns during 1995-96. However, based on the criterion of the share of population of Andhra Pradesh living in small and medium towns in the total population of the country residing in such towns, the State of Andhra Pradesh was allocated 6 towns for the 2 year period 1995-97 and a sum of Rs. 1.90 crore (Central grant) was allocated for release during 1995-96. In view of this allocation, 6 towns of Andhra Pradesh could be considered for release of Central Assistance and the allocated amount was released to the State Government. The towns pending consideration are Tuni, Tirupati and Bhongir.

(b) Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment is in constant touch with the State Government in getting the schemes implemented.

[English]

Rural Development in Rajasthan

2263. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to various rural development agencies in Rajasthan for various centrally sponsored schemes are lying in the Project Director's account;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to fix the responsibility in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c). The funds in respect of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Indira Awaas Yojna (IAY) and Million Wells Scheme (MWS) in respect of Rajasthan are released directly to the State Government which further release the Central funds alongwith the matching State share to the concerned District Rural Development Agency (s) (DRDAs). However, under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), funds are released directly to the DRDAs. The funds are kept in a saving bank account/ P.S. Bank or Post Office in an exclusive and separate bank account. In order to ensure that at the DRDA level funds allocated are utilised in a timely fashion, quarterly budgeting targets are laid down by the Central Government.